

UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

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FOR

A PROTECTIVE COVER
FOR HAIR, FABRIC SURFACES, PILLOWS, BED PILLOWS
AND PILLOWCASES

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not Applicable

REFERENCE TO A MICROFICHE APPENDIX

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Using a preferred, and individually tested fabric, namely Nylon, the claimed protective cover ("Nylon cover") will provide protection to the hair when in contact with fabric and other surfaces. It also provides protection to the fabric surfaces of items such as pillows, bed pillows and pillowcases.

This particular Nylon fabric will not absorb and rob the hair of natural oils and moisture when used to cover bed pillows or pillowcases like some other materials will. The Nylon cover acts as a barrier to protect the hair, and its smooth texture eliminates any would be friction between the hair and other surfaces. It protects the bed pillows or pillowcases from soil, stains, makeup and hair colorings, by acting as a barrier shielding the fabric surface. Stains such as these can be very expensive to clean, and often the results is permanent damage to the fabric which can be very costly to replace.

The Nylon cover is: (1) silky smooth, soothing and comfortable to the touch, (2) it is light weight dry or wet, (3) it is quickly dried when wet, (4) it is very durable, (4) it keeps its shape through countless washings; and (5) it is easy to care for.

The most common fabrics used for bed linen are cottons and cotton blends. These fabrics can absorb and rob the hair of its natural oils and moisture. This loss contributes and increases dry and brittle hair conditions as well as hair breakage.

Cotton is not silky smooth in texture, it does not eliminate friction between the hair and other surfaces. It is heavy when wet and does not dry quickly. Fabrics such as silks and satins reduce friction between the hair and other surfaces but can absorb and rob the hair of natural oils causing permanent damage to the fabric.

The Nylon cover allows free, unbound movement of the head and the hair because it is placed over the bed pillows and pillowcases. It is an excellent alternative to hair bonnets, hair scarves, hair wraps and doo-rags, all of which are worn over the hair while sleeping and because: (1) it puts an end to hair-line erosion, hair breakage, loss of natural hair oils, loss of hair moisture and most hair styles; (2) it eliminates elastic impression marks around the head caused from the use of hair bonnets; (3) it eliminates the bow knot indentations on the forehead, sides and back of the head from the use of scarves, wraps and doo-rags; (4) it eliminates the scalp indentations, sensitivity and soreness caused by the regular use of hair rollers; (5) it reduces the risk of headaches, and poor blood circulation that is often caused by wearing items too tight around the head and body; and (6) it eliminates any and all other items used to cover the hair when sleeping.

In the event of head injuries and surgeries, the Nylon cover is beneficial because it does not contribute any additional pressure and stress to these sensitive areas since it is used by placing it over the bed pillows and pillowcases.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the discovery and invention is directed at protecting human hair, pillows, bed pillows, pillowcases and all types of fabric surfaces from damage. This Nylon cover substantially obviates the problems and damage to human hair when lying against fabric

surfaces. The Nylon cover is used by placing it over an item, and it is silky smooth, soothing and comfortable to the touch. It eliminates friction between any two surfaces of different texture.

When using the Nylon cover, hair-line erosion, hair breakage, loss of natural hair oils and loss of hair moisture is eliminated. Because the Nylon cover is used by placing it over an item, it allows free, unbound movement of the head and the hair. It is an excellent alternative to hair bonnets, scarves, wraps, doo-rags, and the regular use of hair rollers. All of which along with any other item are used to cover the hair while sleeping, and believed to protect the hair. In fact, these items can contribute and increase the risk of poor blood circulation, headaches, leave deep elastic impression marks around the head, leave bow knot indentations on the forehead, sides and back of the head, leave roller indentations on the scalp, cause scalp sensitivity and soreness.

In the event of head injuries, facial and head surgeries, any additional pressure and stress to these areas is alleviated, since the Nylon cover is used by placing it over the bed pillows and pillowcases.

Because the Nylon cover act as a barrier shielding the fabric surfaces against soil, stains, facial makeup and hair color, it is beneficial in protecting your bed linen from permanent damage and costly replacement expenses.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the invention.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1. is a plain view outlining the overall construction of the Nylon cover as related to the first embodiment;

FIG. 2. is a view showing the Nylon cover with a contrast piece forming the top.

FIG. 3. is a view showing the Nylon cover with side slits.

FIG. 4. is a view showing a double-sided or lined Nylon cover.

FIG. 5. is a view showing the Nylon cover with a flap top opening.

FIG. 6. is a plain view showing the Nylon cover cut on the fold.

FIG. 7. is a view showing the Nylon cover cut on the fold attaching a contrast piece forming the top.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

To ensure fit, the Nylon cover should be measured and cut to fit the specific shapes and sizes of the item.

An industrial, commercial and serger sewing machines can be used to construct and manufacture the cover.

FIG. 1. Cut and measure fabric to fit a standard bed pillow and pillowcase. Cutting 2 lengthwise equal pieces, a front and back, the length of the pillowcase plus an additional 3 - 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer. With right sides together, stitch the sides and bottom, leaving the top open, turn inside out. To finish top edge turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press; then fold down another 3 - 5", press and topstitch through thickness forming the top edge.

FIG. 2. Repeat cutting and measurement instructions in FIG. 1. With right sides together, stitch the sides and bottom, leaving the top edge open, turn inside out. Then cut 2 equal pieces of a contrast material 6 - 11"; with right sides together stitch, turn inside out, fold in half, press. With the two pieces right side together, stitch the contrast piece to the body of the cover. To finish press the seam down toward the body, finish seam edge, stitch. Topstitch through thickness forming the top edge.

FIG. 3. Repeat cutting and measurement instructions in FIG. 1. With right sides together stitch the bottom and sides, stopping at the notch, turn inside out. To finish top and back edge turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press; then turn edge back 3 - 5" to the notch, right sides together; stitch the sides together, turn and press. Topstitch close to the $\frac{1}{4}$ " edge through thickness forming the top edge and side splits.

FIG. 4. Measure and cut fabric twice the length, with right sides together, stitch at the sides, leaving the bottom and top open. Turning the cover inside out at the half fold line, stitch the bottom and top together through thickness. To finish, topstitch the top edge 3 - 5" down from top edge.

FIG. 5. Repeat cutting and measurement instructions in FIG. 1. Measure and cut 3 - 5" off the back. With underside of back facing up, turn one end back $\frac{1}{4}$ " press, turn back another $\frac{1}{4}$ " stitch. With right sides together stitch the back to the front at the bottom and sides, stopping at the notches. On the front, turn under top edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " press, turn under another $\frac{1}{4}$ " stitch. Fold top edge 3 - 5" down toward the back finished edge, stopping 1" past notches, forming a flap. Stitch sides together from the top edge to the notches, reinforce at notches, turn inside out, press.

FIG. 6. Cutting on the fold, measure fabric to fit a standard bed pillow and pillowcase plus an additional 3 - 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer. With right sides together and folded in half, stitch the side and bottom, leaving the top open, turn inside out. To finish top edge turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press; then fold down another 3 - 5", press and topstitch through thickness forming the top edge.

FIG. 7. Repeat cutting and measurement instructions in FIG. 6. With the right side folded in half, stitch the side and bottom, leaving the top edge open, turn inside out. Then cut 2 equal pieces of a contrast material 6 - 11"; with right sides together stitch, turn inside out, fold in half, press. With the two pieces right side together, stitch the contrast piece to the body of the cover. To finish press the seam down toward the body, finish edge of seam, stitch. Topstitch through thickness forming the top edge.